

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology
100 N. Union Street, Suite 880
Montgomery, AL 36104

May 8, 2026

Members Present:

Kimberley S. Ackerson, Ph.D., ABPP – Psychologist Member (Via Zoom)
Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D. – Psychologist Member (In Person)
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Psychologist Member (In Person)
Marilyn A. Cornish, Ph.D. – Psychologist Member (In Person)
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member (In Person)
Candice D. Lewis, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member (Via Zoom)
C. Jeffrey Terrell, Ph.D., ABPP – Psychologist Member – Vice Chair (In Person)
Dale Wisely, Ph.D. – Psychologist Member – Chair (In Person)

Others Present:

Susan N. Han – Legal Counsel (Via Zoom)
Angela D. Ledbetter – Executive Assistant (In Person)
Lori H. Rall – Executive Director (In Person)
Jessica S. Ryan, Ph.D. – Member of the Public (Via Zoom)
Ellen L. Spence, Ph.D. – AL Psychological Association Liaison (Via Zoom)

Opening by Wisely: The time is 9:04 a.m. We are gathered as provided in advance notice at the Board's website and the website of the Alabama Secretary of State. Access to this meeting is also available to the Public by Zoom teleconferencing.

As required by the Open Meetings Act, we have a lawful quorum of at least four (4) members and at least three members (3) are present in person, and sufficient prior notice of this meeting has been posted for the Public on both the Board's and the Secretary of State's websites, to include a link for Zoom meeting participation information at both websites because one (1) or more of our Members may participate remotely and for remote Public access. All unanimous votes will be announced aloud by the Chair and non-unanimous votes will be held by Roll Call. Board Members with a close personal or professional relationship to a subject of, or party to, an action are reminded to recuse themselves from participation in that part of the Meeting Agenda.

As a reminder of why the Board gathers, the BOARD's **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology seeks to promote and protect the public's health, welfare, and quality of life by licensing and regulating the practice of psychology and by promoting access to psychological services delivered in a safe, competent, and ethical manner.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Review of Minutes from March 13, 2026. Motion by Cook to accept the Minutes as written. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) HARP, Rena Lynn – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Wisely & Carlton) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Wisely to admit Dr. Harp to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.

Cornish joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

- 2) MONDESIR, Cassandra – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Ackerson & Wisely) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Ackerson to admit Dr. Mondesir to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) BROWN, Meghan Camille – EPPP Candidate (Cornish & Terrell) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Cornish to admit Dr. Brown to the EPPP. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) MUSCARI, Emma Caroline – Licensure Candidate (Cook & Lewis) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Cook to issue a Psychologist License (No. **2457**) to Dr. Muscari. Seconded by Lewis. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) RYAN, Jessica Suzanne – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Terrell & Cook) Specialization Counseling. Motion by Terrell to deny Dr. Ryan's application due to failure to satisfy the education and training requirements outlined in the Board's Administrative Code Rules 750-X-2-.04 and 750-X-2-.07. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

- 1) BALLARD, John Allen – EPPP & PSE Candidate, Admitted September 2025; Specialization I/O. The candidate is requesting an extension of an additional 3 months to complete testing. Review.

Han recommended that the Board move into Executive Session to protect the discussion of the medical issues of a candidate. Motion by Terrell for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual, at 9:30 a.m., for approximately 15 minutes, to return at 9:45 a.m. Seconded by Carlton. Voting Results: Ayes (Yes): Ackerson, Carlton, Cornish, Douglas, Lewis, Terrell, Wisely; Abstentions: Cook. The motion passed.

Members of the public left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Terrell for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 9:46 a.m. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public returned to the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Motion by Cook for the Board to grant Dr. Ballard a 3-month extension based on the request made, the letter from the doctor, and the presently existing precedent. Seconded by Wisely. Voting Results: Ayes (Yes): Carlton, Cook, Cornish, Lewis, Terrell, Wisely; Nays (No): Ackerson; Abstentions: Douglas. The motion passed.

SCORE REVIEW:

Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), &/or the Professional Standards Exam (PSE), &/or Licenses Issued since the March 2026 Board Meeting.

Psychologists: Pass or fail for each candidate is based upon the ASPPB recommended passing score for psychologists, and it is 500. The passing score for the PSE is 80% (34 correct).

Psychological Technicians: The EPPP passing score for psychological technicians is 400. The passing score for the PSE is 80% (34 correct).

<i>NAME of Applicant / Licensee</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Application Level</i>	<i>EPPP Passed?</i>	<i>PSE Passed?</i>	<i>License Number</i>	<i>Date of Licensure</i>	<i>Area of Specialization</i>
ACEVEDO VERGARA, María José	M.S.	Psychological Technician	Yes	Yes	2455	3/18/2026	N/A
SPINELLI, Tawny Richelle	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2456	4/9/2026	Clinical
CORCORAN, Stephanie Lynn	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Scheduled 5/28/26	-	-	School
LITTEN, Sarah Elise	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; May Sit Again	-	-	-	School
BRODBECK, Leah Ann	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes	-	-	-	Clinical
WOLFF, Megan Ricca	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	-	-	-	Clinical

COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

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| <u>Old</u> | |
| 1) 20-007 – No Probable Cause | 11) 23-001 – On-going investigation |
| 2) 20-008 – On-going investigation | 12) 23-002 – On-going investigation |
| 3) 20-009 – On-going investigation | 13) 23-004 – On-going investigation |
| 4) 21-004 – On-going investigation | 14) 23-006 – On-going investigation |
| 5) 21-007 – On-going investigation | 15) 23-007 – On-going investigation |
| 6) 21-012 – On-going investigation | 16) 24-002 – On-going investigation |
| 7) 21-013 – On-going investigation | 17) 24-003 – On-going investigation |
| 8) 22-004 – On-going investigation | 18) 24-007 – On-going investigation |
| 9) 22-007 – On-going investigation | 19) 24-008 – On-going investigation |
| 10) 22-012 – On-going investigation | 20) 24-011 – On-going investigation |
| | 21) 24-013 – On-going investigation |

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| 22) 24-014 – On-going investigation | 32) 25-008 – No Probable Cause, Update |
| 23) 24-015 – On-going investigation | 33) 25-009 – On-going investigation |
| 24) 24-016 – On-going investigation | 34) 25-010 – On-going investigation |
| 25) 25-001 – On-going investigation | 35) 26-001 - On-going investigation |
| 26) 25-002 – On-going investigation | 36) 26-002 - On-going investigation |
| 27) 25-003 – On-going investigation | 37) 26-004 - On-going investigation |
| 28) 25-004 – On-going investigation | <u>New</u> |
| 29) 25-005 – On-going investigation | 1) 26-005 – On-going investigation |
| 30) 25-006 – On-going investigation | 2) 26-006 – On-going investigation |
| 31) 25-007 – On-going investigation | |

Investigation Committee meetings are held, and will continue to be held, between regularly scheduled meetings of the Board; Committee meetings will take place via electronic means.

CASE NO. 25-008: Rall provided an update.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact – **Act Number 2025-207**, codified as Article 6 School Psychologist Interstate Licensure, Ala. Code §34-26-100 thru -112. Update.

Han recommended that the Board move into Executive Session pursuant to Ala. Code §36-25A-7(a)(9), to discuss the deliberative process of the Board involving a pending or threatened legal or administrative action concerning the Board’s participation in the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission. Motion by Cook for the Board to move into Executive Session as recommended by legal counsel to discuss the matter at 9:53 a.m., for approximately 20 minutes, to return at 10:13 a.m. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Motion by Terrell for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 10:33 a.m. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public returned to the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Motion by Terrell to establish a Committee (Cook, Cornish, and Wisely) to review further. Seconded by Douglas. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a break from 10:35 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.

- 2) Professional Standards Exam (PSE) Automation. Discussion of ongoing project.
- 3) Alabama Legislative Session, 2026 – Update on 2026 legislation:
 - a. HB100, Substituted with SB118 – Relating to background checks and establishing the Alabama Rap Back Program; and, to mandate the collection and dissemination of biometric identifiers by certain entities. Enacted as ACT #2026-374. Update by Rall.
 - b. SB227, Office of Occupational and Professional Licensing established within the Alabama Department of Workforce, powers and duties of Secretary of Workforce and executive director specified; Sunset Committee to consider transfer of office in

recommendation for modification. Bill engrossed in the Senate, pending in the County and Municipal Government Committee in the House. Rall provided an update that when presented for a second time in the House of Representatives, the assigned Committee lacked a quorum and could not legally vote on the legislation.

- 4) Psychology Professionals Wellness and Monitoring Committee – Call for volunteers from Alabama licensees. Candidates identified to fill five (5) vacancies for three-year terms. Review of candidate slate and supporting documentation; Board vote needed for new members. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2026.

Motion by Cook to appoint the top 5 Psychologists identified by the Board Chair and Vice-Chair (Christopher “Chris” Correia, Ph.D., Victor Del Bene, Ph.D., Eliza Belle, Ph.D., John Burkhardt, II, Psy.D., and Clara Gerhardt, Ph.D.), with review and appointment of staggering terms so they do not all roll off simultaneously. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5) Web Content Accessibility Assessment and conformance due by April 24, 2026, has been extended by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to April 26, 2027. The Board is an Applicable Entity providing public-facing programs, services, & activities offering information, forms, applications, digital documents, or online services to the public, and its applicants and licensees. The agency must review and, if necessary, remediate its website, online services, documents, and forms to ensure new content is accessible when published, and must coordinate with internal teams and vendors to ensure accessibility is integrated into standard workflows. OIT provides support and guidance. Assigned to Ledbetter and Rall, project ongoing. Cook recommended moving Board documents to an electronic format ahead of the deadline.

- 6) Association for State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB):

- a. Integrated Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)® – Update on Process, Costs, and Future Implementations. Consideration of inviting ASPPB representatives to the September 2026 Board Meeting. Discussion. Rall will invite ASPPB leadership and the exam specialist.
- b. 40th Mid-Year Meeting, Charlotte, NC, April 16th–19th, 2026: *Guardians of the Future: Regulating Psychology*. Ledbetter, Han, and Rall attended. Ledbetter served on the Meeting Planning Committee and Rall serves as BARC Chair; their Registration Fees were waived and ASPPB assisted with hotel costs. Ledbetter presented in Session 6: *Table Talk: Potential Uses of AI in Regulation* on Saturday, April 18. Update by Ledbetter, Han and Rall.

- 7) Applications Received and Licenses Issued (FY2021-FY2025) data, as requested at the March 2026 meeting:

- **FY2021:** 43 Applications received; 39 Licenses issued
- **FY2022:** 81 Applications received; 44 Licenses issued
- **FY2023:** 60 Applications received; 49 Licenses issued
- **FY2024:** 67 Applications received; 75 Licenses issued
- **FY2025:** 61 Applications received; 53 Licenses issued

NEW BUSINESS:

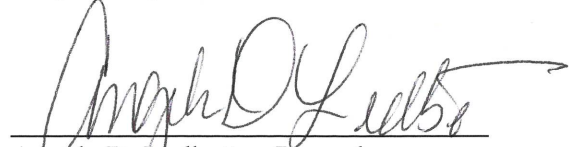
- 1) 2025 Statement of Economic Interests Forms were due to the Alabama Ethics Commission by April 30, 2026. If not already filed, please submit at: <https://seiform.alabama.gov/>.
- 2) PSYPACT First Quarter 2026 Compliance Report. Review. Update by Rall; in compliance in all areas.
- 3) Quarterly Statistics Report FY2026 – Second Quarter Actuals. Review. Update by Rall.

Conclusion of Meeting & Adjournment

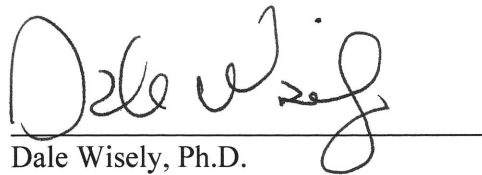
Motion by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: *July 10, 2026*

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela D. Ledbetter, Recorder
Executive Assistant



Dale Wisely, Ph.D.
Chair